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SUBJECT: DIVIDED FAMILIES - MESZTERHAZY

1. DEPT. OFFICER (ANDREWS) TOOK OPPORTUNITY AT SOCIAL AFFAIR OCTOBER 24 TO ASK HUNGARIAN DCM KOVACS WHETHER HE HAD ANY NEWS ON MESZTERHAZY CASE. KOVACS SAID THAT EMBASSY'S LATEST INFORMATION CONCERNED AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE ON DEPUTY FONMIN NAGY.

2. DEPT. OFFICER MENTIONED THAT MESZTERHAZY HAD CALLED ON HIM OCTOBER 23 AS WELL AS ON SENATOR RIBICOFF'S LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT AND CONGRESSMAN VANIK'S OFFICE. DEPT. OFFICER ALSO DREW ATTENTION TO CONNECTION BETWEEN EMIGRATION POLICIES OF EE COUNTRIES AND NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT AS SET FORTH IN TRADE REFORM BILL.

3. KOVACS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION THAT MESZTERHAZY CASE HAD BEEN RAISED AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT DEPT OFFICER'S INQUIRY TO BUDAPEST. HE STRESSED THAT QUESTION WAS MOST DELICATE ONE FOR HUNGARIAN AUTHORITIES. DEPT. OFFICER SAID HUNGARIANS COULD EXPECT US TO CONTINUE PRESSING FOR FAVORABLE DISPOSITION OF THIS CASE. INGERSOLL

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